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Copernicus proposed a  
section about the true  
length of the year in his  
"Rivalutions of Heavenly Spheres":

May 24, 1543

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Copernicus died - shortly after  
at 70

publishing his "De Revolutionibus"  
He did see the completed  
work only at his last  
breath upon the day that  
he died.

There was a vehement reaction by  
Martin Luther toward the work.

He viewed any deviation from  
the scriptures as subversive

"The fool wants to overturn the whole  
science of Astronomy," said Tucker,  
"but according to the scriptures,  
Joshua bade the sun stand still."

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*Copernicus* gave  
36° 57' 5h 49m 29.2s  
for length of yr  
Took long by 43 s

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